Housing Activities of NBO

1394. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased be state:

(a) wheter the National Building Organisation has so far constructed low cost houses in villages through its regional housing development centres in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the low cost houses constructed in the country;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to boost the housing activities of the NBO; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) The National Building Organisation through its 15 Regional Housing Development Centres functioning in various States are taking up projects for construction of low cost demonstration houses in the rural areas.

(b) The demonstration projects comprised of clusters of 20 low cost houses with environmental improvements. The houses are constructed making use of locally available materilas and improved construction technology for enhancing the durability and liveability of the houses. The ceiling cost of construction has been fixed at Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 10,000 in plain areas and a maximum of Rs. 15,000 in hilly and difficult areas. Under this schemes so far 114 projects have been taken up by the Regional Housing Development Centres in various parts of the country. The details of the houses completed as well as in progress under these 114 projects are given in the Annexure (*See* Appendix CL. Annexure No. 66)

(c) and (d) The NBO has been entrusted with the responsibility of promoting research and application of results with a view to effecting reduction in cost and extension of low cost building technology. The main functions of NBO are to undertake research and field level experiments in building designs, building material and also other socio-economic aspects of housing.

दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा निजी क्षेत्र और सरकारी क्षेत्र को भूमि का आवंटन

1395. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण दिल्ली में स्कूलों, अस्पतालों, सामुदायिक विकास केन्द्रों, औद्योगिक एवं व्यापारिक काम्प्लेक्सों के लिये भूमि आवंटित करता रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक वर्ष में, ऊपर उल्लिखित प्रत्येक श्रेणियों के लिए पृथक-पृथक रूप से निजी क्षेत्र व सरकारी क्षेत्र को कितनी भूमि आवंटित की गई; और

(ग) दिसम्बर, 1988 तक उपर्युक्त प्रत्येक श्रेणियों ने कितनी भूमि की मांग की थी ?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है यथा समय सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Control of Plant Disease

1396. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken or taking any steps to control plant disease;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether methodologies for forecasting plant diseases epidemics are being developed ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Evoluation of tolerant/resistant crop varieties integrated pest management ensuring availability of fungicides, enforcing qurantine-regulations and strengthening extension efforts are the major steps taken by the Government to control plant diseases.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Methodologies have been developed for forescasting onset of plant diseases and their epidemics by interpretation of epidemiological data in conjuction with significant environmental factors like temperature humidity, rainfall, sun shine cloudiness, etc. Air borne diseases like rusts of wheat are monitored by trap nurseries, spore traps and by mobile surveys. For other kind of diseases whether parameters are used for developing prognistic models.

Pending Report of the Institution etc. under Ministry of Agriculture

1397. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Institutes, Commodity/ Statutory Boards etc. under the Ministry of Agriculture who have not so far brought out their Annual Reports for the year 1987-88 and reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ;

(b) whether Government would make it obligatory that all the projects/Units produce factual reports which may be made available easily and speedily on cost to students/ teachers and others interests, unless these are banned/restricted on account of National Security; and

(c) whether Government would also ensure that such reports are put in atleast one designated library in each State for reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Support prices for potato, onion and coconut

1398. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of coconut, potato and onion have crashed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are considering for providing support price to these produces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV:) (a) and (b) During the year 1988-89, on account of substantial increase in production, the wholesale prices of coconut, onion and potatoes have come down from the high levels that prevailed in 1987-88.